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OUR POLITICAL FAITH.

"All men are born equal and endowed with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."
 —Thomas Jefferson.

We believe in the principles of true Democracy as promulgated by the patriot, Thomas Jefferson, and without fear or favor, we will be found at all times fighting for an honest, impartial application of these principles to all men regardless of race or color.

OUR RELIGIOUS FAITH.

To live as near as we can to our own conception of our duty to God and to our fellowmen; to do right and live right at all times as God has given us the conscience to see and feel it.

We believe man's greatest service to God may be rendered through honest, unselfish service to mankind.

We believe in the Golden Rule and practice it.

We fear only to do wrong.

COURAGE.

Courage! What if the snows are deep,
 And what if the hills are long and steep,
 And the days are short and the nights are long,
 And the good are weak and the bad are strong.

Courage! The snow is a field of play,
 And the longest hill has a well-worn way.
 There are songs that shorten the longest night,
 There's a day when wrong shall be ruled by right.

So courage! Courage! 'Tis never so far
 From a plodded path to a shining star.

THE FELLOW who spends his time looking for the "easy ways" in life seldom finds what he is looking for.

THE SAVIOUR, the best man that ever lived on earth, could not please everybody. Far less can we. That's why we are not going to try it.

"BREAD CAST upon the waters will return again after many days," quotes the Scripture, but few of us are willing to take the chance with the article at 15 cents a loaf.

THE GANG OF KNOCKERS and back-biters are busy plying their stock in trade and the Race continues to suffer thereby. No good has ever been accomplished by this class of citizens and never will be.

THE STAR OFFICE feels highly complimented over the friendly visits of many prominent visitors this week, and accept modestly the nice things they all said about our paper, our office and our plant.

ON VIEWING some of our rising generation we are reminded of the old adage, "As the twig is bent, the tree is inclined." And then our sympathy goes out to the woodman whose duty it will be to prune the trees.

"POLITICS make strange bed fellows" is a saying old and true. It has done more in Tulsa. It has, in the nature of things that be, inoculated a false sense of respectability which makes erstwhile gamblers, bootleggers and libertines parade their imagined importance and consider themselves the peers, if not the superiors, of decent men and women. "What fools these mortals be."

OUR REPUBLICAN FRIENDS seem to be hopelessly split over the political patronage accorded by the City Administration. Factional fights have resulted and present indications point to a general upheaval among the Colored G. O. P. supporters. Protests have been filed with the City Commissioners and Monday has been set aside as a day of hearing for the petitioners. And so the stormy period begins with the republican administration.

THE ADMIRABLE SUGGESTION of Secretary Douglass of Tulsa's Chamber of Commerce to honor the dead heroes of the late World's War by planting trees on Decoration Day is worthy of adoption by all our citizens both white and Colored. We think it would be an excellent idea for our public spirited women to take hold of this and make arrangements for planting trees commemorating the Tulsa brave soldier boys who went over but have never come back.

THE TULSA STAR has never been found wanting where the interests of the Race were concerned. In our desire to serve the Race unselfishly and well, we have often lost sight of our own interest and well being. We have even faced death for the Race. Our loyalty in this respect can not be questioned; and yet there are those who would dare to question it. Be that as it may, we are still here to render such services whenever and wherever we feel the same needed.

THE PRESENCE of the members of the Oklahoma Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association in Tulsa this week has given new inspiration to our citizens as a whole, but particularly to the medical profession of this city. There is no better way of infusing general knowledge of the laws of health and the scientific treatment of diseases that the human body is heir to, than by these annual meetings of our medics where public free clinics are held for the benefit of local practitioners and their patients.

Tulsa feels itself highly honored and exceptionally fortunate in having as our guests this week such brilliant array of intelligence as was found in this aggregation of the disciples of aesculapius and we hope our visitors have taken away with them pleasant reminiscences of their stay in our city, as well as some real benefits and inspirations from what they have seen of our progress along commercial and professional lines.

IT IS SAID that the City Administration discontinued the appropriation for the Colored library and abolished the office of Colored Sanitary inspector upon the advice of certain Colored men who have styled themselves dictators for the Colored citizens of

Tulsa, or in other words "political bosses." It is also said by some that the hungry-dog-like scramble of some one hundred or more applicants for a few places for Colored men on the city pay roll and the utter lack of harmony among them caused the city administration to take this action to quiet the troubled waters.

In either case the Race has been done a great injustice. No man or set of men should be allowed to set themselves up as dictators for any community, and no amount of factional discord among so called politicians is sufficient cause for the City Administration to pursue its present apparent policy toward the Colored people of Tulsa. But we can not lose sight of the fact that, in a great measure, those within our own ranks are responsible for present conditions affecting our people. The interests of the Race in Tulsa have been sacrificed on the altar of narrow, selfish ambition and by men who would have us regard them as true Race men and who would appear to the powers that be as leaders among their people. The sooner we get rid of this class of cattle the better it will be for both white and Colored people of this community.

THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT.

THE STAR BELIEVES it the part of wisdom for the members of our Group living in Oklahoma to go slow about signing a petition being circulated ordering an election on an amendment to the constitution providing for a levy of 6 or 10 mills upon all taxable property for educational purposes. The Star is not, however, opposed to the collection and expenditure of the greatest possible fund for education, provided there are no inequalities practised in its distribution between the white and black children of Oklahoma. On its face this petition is quite alluring, and would be all right were it not for the inevitable "fly in the ointment." It very temptingly relates how these additional funds are to be raised, and then at close, spoils everything, so far as the interests of the Colored people are concerned, by stating these funds are to be distributed just like other state educational funds, as "already provided for by law." Right there is where the Star gets off. It is unnecessary in our opinion to cite concrete instances of the injustices wrought upon us through the "already provided for by law" method. They are too numerous to mention. The Negro schools of Oklahoma as a whole are negligible, and so emasculated as to be unworthy of the name—schools. The framers of our constitution are entitled to the hearty congratulations of all opponents of "Negro Education" for having so adroitly afforded the spectacle of drafting laws providing for the education of Colored children which compel them to grow up in ignorance. The aim of the framers was not to eliminate illiteracy among our people, but rather to perpetuate it.

HOWARD GETS IN BAD AGAIN

Tulsa, Okla., May 7, 1920.
 Editor Tulsa Star.

Dear Sir:
 An article appearing in the issue of a local paper dated May 5, 1920 under the caption "For the Benefit of the Public," and which was signed by one Ed. G. Howard, has been recently brought to my attention. I am therefore writing to ask if you will allow space in your publication for the following:

My good friend Howard seems to have a suspicious spirit against the Tulsa Star and myself, judging from the article above mentioned. I take the greatest pleasure in hereby giving the brother a hunch that "when he is in deep water, to keep his mouth shut." The article alluded to by Mr. Howard that appeared in the Tulsa Star has since been forgotten by the general public, as the principal of the subject will be forgotten before many suns. Mr. Howard attempts to deceive the public in his statement alleging that Mr. J. T. Presley authorized him to register voters in a sense that would mean that he was thereby deputized by Mr. Presley with authority to register outside of the place which had been certified by the County Registers and he unadvisedly discredits his denial by stating in the article which appeared in the issue of May 5th of a local newspaper.

Heretofore I have not attempted to inform the public as to my knowledge concerning the matter, but since Mr. Howard has so falsely misrepresented the facts in the premises, I therefore feel that I should speak. It was the day after the Registration had been declared closed by the County Registrar, that Mr. Henry Pack inquired of me if Mr. Howard was ever appointed as Registrar for Precinct No. 23, and informed me that he had noticed a registration book in the Republican Headquarters of which Mr. Howard was in charge, that had been all used with the exception of one or two sheets. Then I went to Mr. Presley and asked him if he knew that Mr. Howard was in possession of such a book, and Mr. Presley's reply was: "No, if he is in possession of such book he is evidently up to something crooked."

Then I made investigation as to Mr. Howard's right to register or possess the book and found through the office of the County Registrar, Mr. Vernon Seaman, that he did not. Mr. Pack stated that he went into Mr. Howard's office, after first telling us that Mr. Howard was in possession of the registration book with the aim of obtaining it as evidence, but that he found that it had been removed. Later in the evening, Mr. Presley and I found Mr. Howard dining at the Red Wing Cafe and asked him if he had a registration book in his office or possession, and Mr. Howard said: "No, I have no book, and I know absolutely nothing about any book except these you have here in the cafe." On the Monday following, Mr. Howard informed me that he had possessed a registration book as had been described by Mr. Pack, and also stated that Mr. Presley had authorized him to register with

full authority.

The truth is, if Mr. Howard had at any time been authorized by Mr. Presley to register there would never have been any denial on the part of Mr. Howard when asked if he had registration books in his possession.

Mr. Howard, states that in a former issue of a local newspaper that I had alleged that it was due to my strenuous efforts that Precinct No. 23 went Democratic. Understand me, Mr. Howard, in the language of the Immortal Shakespeare, that is an odious D—n lie! I have never asked any newspaper or any person employed by any newspaper to say one word for, or concerning me, nor has any publication ever published even a suggestion of mine I think you are mistaken Brother Howard, when you say that Mr. Presley's Special Registrar made it his business to register all the law violators. Do you recall that he did not register you? I am not certain that you meant for me to answer your inquiry about who the voters were that so valiantly supported the Democratic Candidates at the last election, but I take the greatest pleasure in explaining to you that there was not one among them as I recall, whose record is not as good as your own. Seems that you should remember that quite a number of Democrats in this precinct and out of it for that matter were hauled in "Baby" Henderson's automobile which you have in your possession, and several other cars to the Republican meetings to cast their votes for you or for Republican Central Committeemen, and if you have forgotten about the incident, probably Mr. Gabe can inform you, for I am certain that he must remember since it was he whom you defeated for the Republican Central Committeemen with the votes of some of those whom you would now denounce.

My action in the matter of Mr. Howard's fraudulent practices during the recent registration was prompted by the fact that it was my duty as the Democratic Central Committeeman in and for Precinct No. 23 to protect the interests of the Democratic party. The election has passed, and I do not see any need for "Mud slinging" and ill feeling, yet, if that is the proper ideal in the minds of some of my good friends (?), keep it up, and "By Gosh" we will go some.

Mr. Howard seems to be suffering with a convulsive attack of the brain, and unless something happens a great calamity will occur in the seat of his consciousness. I wonder if Mr. Howard would like for the public to know that he had so little confidence in his own ability to spell and compose an article that it was necessary for him to take his original which appeared in a local newspaper dated May 5th, 1920 to the office of Mr. C. E. Corbett, an attorney at law, for revision, and since Mr. Howard is so much interested in benefiting the public for uncovering the short comings of others, I might resolve to publish a copy of the original to the article presented by him for revision to Attorney C. E. Corbett, as was obtained by the scribe from the handwriting of Mr. Howard, which was obtained from the original copy while in the office of Mr. Corbett, and let the public benefit if they can, from the ravellous, lines of ungrammatical expres-

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sions therein.
 "Take a tip," Mr. Howard, "Fold your tent and take to the tall timber," the climate here may not be so pleasant.
 Signed
 J. H. SMITHERMAN.

Money, Money, Money, Who's Got the Money?

(Special to Tulsa Star)
LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 15.—The result of the recent republican presidential primary in which Senator Hiram Johnson overwhelmingly defeated Herbert Hoover has been to bring on charges and recriminations on both sides of an excessive expenditure of money. The campaign manager of Senator Johnson in his report to the charge of Hoover's manager asserts that Hoover on the day of the primary hired hundreds of automobiles at \$25 per day. He further alleges that Hoover's headquarters on the next day after the primary resembled the pay day scene of a large industrial plant employing thousands of laborers. He says in one hour over 600 workers were paid from \$4.00 to \$50. for services and that paying off for several hundred had to be put off until the second day after the primary. On the other hand Senator Johnson says it was unnecessary for him to spend any money.

Mo. Republican League Squabble.

(Star News Service)
ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 15.—The latest report of the squabble which is disrupting the Missouri Republican League Club is that J. H. Bradbury still holds the charter and membership roll. Bradbury recently prevented a meeting by locking President W. H. Butler and others out of the hall. Butler charges Bradbury with having sold out the Race to John Schmoll, the republican campaign chairman.

Negroes Should Manage Schools.

(A. N. F. Service)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—The dual system of control of the Washington schools should be ended, and the Colored schools should be operated independently of the white, declared John B. Larnier, former member of the Board of Education, before the Senate investigating subcommittee.

WHITE AND BLACK VICTORS DIVIDE THE SPOILS

Mayor Evans Designates Next Monday for Hearing Complaints of Colored Adherents.

Next Monday beginning likely at about 11 A. M. there is to be something doing at the City Hall. Mayor Evans and his cabinet have set apart this day to hear the complaints of the Colored Republicans of Tulsa. These grievances which have been presented by a delegation headed by C. H. Gabe, added to those handed in by numerous individual leaders have assumed such proportions and perplexing import-

ance as to warrant separate consideration from other public matters of interest. Among the complaints mentioned are: Closing of the Colored library; appointment of only three policemen; removal of sanitary officer, and general repair and improvement of Tulsa's segregated district. From all indications as the Star goes to press, the beautiful white marble halls of the Municipal Building will be thronged next Monday by a very large and representative gathering of Tulsa's faithful and devoted republican leaders.

Colored Sanitarium for New York.

(Special to Tulsa Star)
NEW YORK, N. Y., May 15.—New York Colored People now have a sanitarium, an institution complete in every detail. The Mulderig Sanitarium, a white institution, recently refused to accept a Colored woman as patient. This aroused New York Race men, and they negotiated and bought the Mulderig building, and turned it over to use of the Race under the title of the Booker T. Washington Sanitarium. The medical officers and nurses are now all Colored.

Caesar Back From Conference.

(Star News Service)
SHAWNEE, Okla., May 15.—Prof. N. J. Caesar, delegate to the Quadrennial Conference of the A. M. E. Church in session at St. Louis, Mo., has been spending the past week at home. He was enabled to do this on account of an important meeting of the Executive Board of St. Johns Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M., which he was called to attend at Muskogee. He will return to his duties at the Conference shortly.

Oklahomans on Important Committees.

(Star News Service)
ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 15.—The following well known Oklahomans are serving on important A. M. E. Conference Committees: Rev. C. R. Tucker, Tulsa; J. E. Toombs, Guthrie; M. W. Austin, Muskogee, Episcopal Committee; A. E. Hubbard, Boley, Finance; T. W. Kidd, Muskogee, Conference Boundaries; S. T. Wiggins, Wagoner, Credentials; N. J. Caesar, Shawnee, Temperance; N. W. Coleman, Condition of the Negro; J. N. B. Wall, Okmulgee, Church Federation; R. L. Nelson, Claremore, Engraving New Laws; W. E. Day, Sapulpa, Social Welfare; T. M. Greene, Muskogee, Theological Seminaries.

May Be Bishop Some Day.

(Star News Service)
ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 14.—Little Miss Theodosia Coppin, who is attending A. M. E. Conference with her parents Bishop and Mrs. L. J. Coppin, though less than four years old can read the Bible better than many children much older.